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- <> XINHUA: USSR DEPOPULATING AREAS ALONG <><>AFGHAN-SOVIET<><> BORDER
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BEIJING XINHUA IN ENGLISH 0709 GMT 3 MAY 87
<> ((TEXT)) ISLAMABAD, MAY 3 (XINHUA) -- SOVIET TROOPS IN <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>
<> HAVE LAUNCHED A DEPOPULATION CAMPAIGN ALONG THE <><>AFGHAN-SOVIET<><> BORDER
<> AREAS IN RETALIATION FOR TWO RECENT ACROSS-BORDER ATTACKS BY
<> <><>AFGHAN<><> RESISTANCE FORCES, SAID <><>AFGHAN<><> SOURCES HERE TODAY.
THE SOURCES QUOTED REFUGEES WHO HAVE RECENTLY CROSSED OVER TO
<> PAKISTAN FROM NORTHERN <><>AFGHANISTAN<><> AS SAYING THAT THE SOVIET
<> OCCUPATION TROOPS HAVE INDISCRIMINATELY BOMBED THE <><>AFGHAN<><> AREAS
BORDERING THE SOVIET UNION. THEY ALSO CONDUCTED HOUSE-TO-HOUSE
SEARCHES IN THESE AREAS. MANY PEOPLE HAD TO FLEE TO THE
PROVINCIAL CAPITALS OR ABROAD TO SEEK SHELTER. 18 VILLAGERS IN
KHANABAD DISTRICT IN QONDUZ PROVINCE WERE MISSING FOLLOWING A
WEEK-LONG SIEGE OF THE AREA.
<> FIERCE FIGHTING BETWEEN SOVIET-KABUL TROOPS AND <><>AFGHAN<><> MUSLIM
FORCES IS GOING ON IN TAKHAR PROVINCE BORDERING THE SOVIET UNION
<> IN NORTHERN <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>. ON APRIL 20 THE SOVIET-KABUL TROOPS
ENCIRCLED STRONGHOLDS OF THE RESISTANCE FORCES. THE GUERRILLAS
WITHDREW AFTER SEVERE BOMBING AND UNDER THE PRESSURE OF THE
INVADERS. SIX WOUNDED RESISTANCE FIGHTERS WERE CAPTURED BY THE
SOVIET TROOPS.
<> THE <><>AFGHAN<><> RESISTANCE FORCES CROSSED OVER THE <><>AFGHAN-SOVIET<><>
BORDER RIVER OXUS ON MARCH 8 AND APRIL 8, ATTACKING SOVIET BORDER
SECURITY POSTS AND DISTRIBUTED THE HOLY KORAN AND ANTI-SOVIET
LITERATURE AMONG CENTRAL ASIAN MUSLIMS.
SOVIET KGB CHIEF VIKTOR CHEBRIKOV HAS VISITED FRONTIER POINTS
NEAR THE TOWNS OF TERMEZ AND PYANDZH IN THE REPUBLICS OF UZBEKISTAN
AND TADZHIKISTAN RESPECTIVELY TO PERSONALLY ASSESS THE DAMAGE
CAUSED BY THE ATTACKS AND CHECK SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.
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